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1. CHINA

AT BANQUET FOR LEE KUAN YEW TUESDAY NIGHT, HUA KUO-FENG PUBLICLY REPEATED PRC SUPPORT FOR ASEAN. SAID RECENT ASEAN SUMMIT REAFFIRMED ITS "POSITIVE PURPOSES" FOR ESTABLISHMENT SEA "ZONE OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY," AND ALSO ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT RESULTS IN STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COOPERATION. HUA MADE CLEAR PEKING SEES ASEAN AS BULWARK AGAINST SOVIET EXPANSIONISM, AND WARNED MOSCOW TRYING INFILTRATE SEA (REUTER PEKING 5/11).

WP ITEM NOTES THAT IN REMARK "WHICH MAY SET BACK SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS FOR HOURS," SMITHSONIAN SEC RIPLEY EXPLAINED TO DANISH PRINCE HENDRIK TUESDAY THAT HE THINKS AMERICAN MUSK OX MILTON DIED YEAR AGO IN PEKING ZOO. RIPLEY DECLARED PEKING ZOO SUCH "MISERABLE ZOO UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THEY ALLOWED ONE OF (MUSK OX) TO DIE."

AP (SUN), JOC AND NYT'S KAUFMAN CITE SINO-SOVIET CLASH AT NAIROBI UNCTAD CONFERENCE; ALSO NOTE PRC REP CALLED

US REFORM OPPONENT AND OPPOSED HAK PROPOSAL FOR INTL
RESOURCES BANK.

2. THAILAND

RTG DECIDES BUY 16 F-5 JETS FROM US; COST, PLUS SPARE
PARTS FOR OTHER PLANES, WILL BE 50 MILLION DOLS
(AP WP, WSJ).

3. INDOCHINA

LE MONDE REPORTS 200,000 CONNECTED WITH THIEU GOVT STILL
DETAINED IN REEDUCATION CAMPS (WP).

4. INDOCHINA/JAPAN

JAPAN'S FEDERATION OF ECON ORGANIZATIONS PREPARES
MISSION VN TO OFFER AID FOR ECON RECONSTRUCTION (AFP,
WP).

5. JAPAN

SPECIAL ENVOY SAITO DEPARTED TOKYO FOR WASHINGTON TUESDAY
(UPI, WP). NYT'S MALCOLM SAYS SAITO HAS "DIFFICULT
MISSION" TO "CLARIFY" LOCKHEED AFFAIR. NOTES
MANY VISITORS OVER PAST THREE MONTHS FAILED PRODUCE
NEW DISCLOSURES. SAYS SAITO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
SUPRA-PARTISAN DIET DEL. BOTH SCHEDULED MEET HAK, AG
LEVI, RICHARDSON. ALSO NOTES TOKYO PROSECUTOR HOTTA,
IN WASHINGTON, CONTINUES NEGOTIATE REQUEST QUESTION
US EMPLOYEES LOCKHEED.

UK'S CROSLAND WOUND UP TWO-DAY VISIT JAPAN TUESDAY.
AFTER 40-MIN MEETING WITH MIKI, TOLD PRESS BOTH
REAFFIRMED COMMITMENT FREE TRADE. CROSLAND SAID HE
EXPLAINED TO MIKI, MIYAZAWA WHY UK FEELS NEED FOR
"SELECTIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS." NOTED PO'ND UNDER-
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VALUED, BUT DECLINED SPECULATE FUTURE OF UK CURRENCY
(REUTER TOKYO 5/11).

MINJUS INABA SAID IN DIET TUESDAY ASIA FDN US TRAVEL
OF MORE THAN 50 JAPANESE JUDGES, PROSECUTORS BETWEEN
1966-1975. CALLED SUCH SUBSIDIES "HIGHLY OBJECTIONABLE."
SAID GOJ WILL NO LONGER ALLOW JUDICIAL OFFICIALS ACCEPT
SUCH TRAVEL AID. JCP DIETMAN HASHIMOTO ALLEGED ASIA
FDN LINKED TO CIA (REUTER, NYT).

DEP PM FUKUDA TOLD CABINET TUESDAY NATION MAKING STRONG
RECOVERY FROM RECESSION, BUT MUST GUARD AGAINST RENEWED
INFLATION. NOTED UPTURN LED BY ACCELERATED EXPORTS TO

EUR, US (WP; UPI, JOC).

SOV ORDERED 1,400 TRAILER TRUCKS, PRICED AT 55.6 MILLION DOLS, TO HA'L S,0ERIAN LOGS DESTINED FOR EXPORT JAPAN (UPI, NYT).

GOJ SAID TUESDAY 1.25 MILLION WORKERS OUT OF WORK END MARCH. NO CHANGE IN 2.4 PCT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FROM MONTH BEFORE (UPI, JOC).

TOYOTA MOTOR SALES USA INC EXEC IN NYC CONFIRMED TUESDAY FIRM HAS NO PLANS START BUILDING CARS IN US (EMSHWILLER, WSJ).

JAPAN-PRC TRADE TOTALED 916 MILLION DOLS FTRST QUARTER 1976, ACCORDING JETRO. UP 1.4 PCT OVER SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (AP, SUN).

6. JAPAN/KOREA/PRC

CROSLAND ALSO TOLD PRESS LEADERS HE MET DURING SIX-DAY VISIT PRC DISCOUNTED TALK OF WAR BETWEEN NK, SK, AS "POST VIETNAM NERVES." REITERATED CHIAO KUAN-HUA VIEW THAT "ALL TALK OF WAR IS OUT OF THE QUESTION" (WP; REUTER TOKYO).

7. KOREA

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WP'S SAAR, IN TOKYO, TELLS HOW US-EDUCATED MICROBIOLOGIST DR. LEE HO WANG ISOLATED RARE VIRUS THAT CAUSES HEMORRHAGIC FEVER, FROM LUNGS/KIDNEY OF SINGLE SPECIES FIELD MOUSE. MAY LEAD DEVELOPMENT VACCINE WITHIN TWO YEARS. RECALLS FEVER AFFLICTED 3,000 US TROOPS DURING KOREAN AR, KILLED AT LEAST 140. EXPLOSIVE OCCURRENCE OF FEVER PROMPTED SOME US FEARS OF CHINESE GERM WARFARE; MAY HAVE BEEN REASON FOR CHARGES BY NK, PRC, SOV THAT US SPREAD GERMS. NOTES US ARMY FUNDED DR. LEE RESEARCH PROGRAM OVER PAST SEVEN YEARS.

8. AUSTRALIA

UPI'S WHITINGTON, AT CANBERRA, SAYS GOV-GEN KERR MAY BE IN TROUBLE AGAIN FOLLOWING DEMAND BY ORGANIZERS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH'S TOUR NEXT MARCH THAT THERE BE NO DEMONSTRATIONS DURING VISIT. SAYS TROUBLE FOR KERR IS THAT AS QUEEN'S TOP REP IN AUSTRALIA, HE MUST GREET HER ON OFFICIAL OCCASIONS, AND THESE DAYS WHEREVER KERR GOES THERE ARE DEMONSTRATORS. FEELS IF "NO-RISK POLICY" FOLLOWED, NEW GOVT HAS THREE ALTERNATIVES: DISMISS KERR, PREVAIL ON HIM RESIGN, OR ALLOW DEPUTY

APPEAR IN HIS PLACE (BALT NA 5/11).

JOC'S PORTER, IN LONDON, REPORTS LATEST BORROWERS
IN EUROBOND MARKET ARE AUSTRALIA, FINLAND, BOTH OF WHICH
ANNOUNCED NEW ISSUES TUESDAY.

ONE THOUSAND CATTLE SHOT, BURIED IN NORTHERN VICTORIA
PIT MONDAY, AFTER DAIRY FARMERS DECIDED CHEAPER THAN
FEEDING OR SENDING THEM TO MAKRET. FARMERS' SPOKESMAN
SAID THEY DID NOT HAVE FEED, AND LARNED THAT DAIRY FARMERS
ALL OVER AUSTRALIA MIGHT NEED TAKE SIMILAR ACTIONS,
BECAUSE INDUSTRY DEPRESSED (JOC).

9. AUSTRALIA/INDONESIA/TIMOR

REUTER (MELBOURNE) REPORTS AUSTRALIAN JOURNALISTS IN
LETTER TO PEACOCK WEDNESDAY DEMANDED UNSPECIFIED SUM
MONEY AS COMPENSATION FROM INDONESIA FOR DEATHS OF
FIVE FELLOW NEWSMEN ALLEGEDLY KILLED BY INDO TROOPS IN
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E TIMOR. AUSTRALIAN JOURNALISTS' ASSN MADE CLAIM AFTER
QUESTIONING FORMER TIMOR POLITICAL FIGURE, KOTA PARTY
LEADER JOSE MARTINS, WHO REPORTEDLY SAID FIVE JOURNALISTS
KILLED BY INDO TROOPS ACTING ON ORDERS FROM THEIR
COMMANDER DURING FIGHTING WHICH PUT INDO-BACKED FACTIONS
IN CONTROL TERRITORY.

10. MILITARY AID BILL

CONGRESS DECIDES NOT TRY OVERRIDE VETO. INSTEAD, SFRC,
HIRC BEGIN DRAFTING BILLS THAT LACK SOME HILL CONTROLS
OVER AID DECISIONS THAT PRES FOUND OBJECTIONABLE,
INCLUDING LIFTING TRIAL TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST VN (AP,
CHITRIB). AFTER EXPECTED PASSAGE BY BOTH HOUSES, NEW
BILLS WILL GO CONFERENCE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES. BOTH
CMTES RETAIN PROVISIONS THAT ALLOW CONGRESS BLOCK MIL
SALES BY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION; BOTH DROP 6-MOS LIFTING
TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST NVN, SVN (GWERTZMAN, NYT; ABRIDGED
IN SUN). WP'S OBERDORFER REPORTS SFRC VERSION WATERS
DOWN HILL AUTHORITY OVER AID TO NATIONS THAT VIOLATE
HUMAN RIGHTS; HIRC BILL LIMITS US MIL AID SK TO 290
MILLION DOLS OVER 2 YRS, FOOD AID TO 175 MILLION DOLS AS
RESPONSE TO "INCREASING REPRESSION" THERE.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. CHINA

CDN'S BEECH (HK 5/8-9) FINDS UNEASY FEELING AMONG
CHINA-WATCHERS THERE THAT PRC POWER STRUGGLE IS
BUILDING UP TO EXPLOSION THAT COULD RESULT IN CHAOS

RIVALING GPCR. "WHAT THEY DO KNOW IS ENOUGH TO SET

THEIR NERVES ON EDGE": ACCORDING FRESH INTELLIGENCE PEKING,
MAO'S HEALTH SO PRECARIOUS THAT HE COULD DIE ANY TIME,
THUS PRECIPITATING FREE-FOR-ALL BETWEEN RIVAL CAMPS.
SAYS WITH MAO DEAD AND NEW REGIME IN POWER, THERE IS NO
GUARANTEE PEKING/MOSCOW WON'T DECIDE IN THEIR MUTUAL
INTEREST TO END LONG-STANDING QUARREL.
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